

Gilford, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

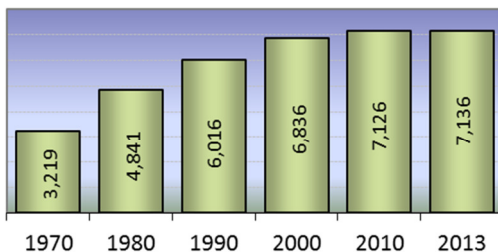
District 1
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Belknap County District 2

Incorporated: 1812

Origin: Once a part of Gilmanton called Gunstock Parish, this town was named for a key battle at the end of the revolution, the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. The American forces managed to deplete Cornwallis's army so they were forced to retreat, leading to the surrender at Yorktown. Sargent Lemuel B. Mason, who had fought in that battle, had retired to Gunstock Parish. As the town's oldest citizen when it was incorporated in 1812, Sargent Mason had the honor of selecting a name, and he chose Gilford. North Carolina's Guilford Court House has long since been renamed Martinsville.

Villages and Place Names: Ames, Dockham Shore, Glendale, Lake Shore Park, Belknap Point

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,816 residents in 1820



Population Trends: Population change for Gilford totaled 5,093 over 53 years, from 2,043 in 1960 to 7,136 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by increases of 50 and 24 percent, respectively over the next two decades. The 2013 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,136 residents, which ranked 44th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 184.0 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Chester. Gilford contains 38.8 square miles of land area and 14.7 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$13,338,829	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$24,722,508	
Zoning Ordinance		1962/12	
Master Plan		2004	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Fire Engineers; School; Library; Budget; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; Historic		
Public Library	Gilford Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia		4 miles	88
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Gilford Village District; Gunstock Acres Village District		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	Private		
Curbside Trash Pickup	No		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Voluntary		
Recycling Program	Fairpoint		
Telephone Company	Yes		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	Yes		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.16	
2013 Equalization Ratio		93.5	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.91	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		88.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		0.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		4,700	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		3,464	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		348	
Five or More Units in Structure		380	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		508	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	7,136	60,268
2010	7,126	60,088
2000	6,836	56,576
1990	6,016	49,294
1980	4,841	42,884
1970	3,219	32,367
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,670	Female 3,466
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		207
Age 5 to 19		1,389
Age 20 to 34		940
Age 35 to 54		1,810
Age 55 to 64		1,330
Age 65 and over		1,460
Median Age		49.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		93.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher		40.7%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$37,616
Median family income		\$72,025
Median household income		\$63,527
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$51,118
Female		\$45,688
Individuals below the poverty level		7.4%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	3,663	3,533
Employed	3,529	3,349
Unemployed	134	184
Unemployment rate	3.7%	5.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	591	286
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 685	\$ 868
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,319	2,167
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 477	\$ 667
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,910	2,453
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 519	\$ 691
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	554	668
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 584	\$ 627
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,464	3,121
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 530	\$ 677

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARESchools students attend: **Gilford operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 73**Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Agricultural Programs, Tilton**Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	342	342	526	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **109**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gunstock Recreation Area	Ski, recreation area	550	
Gilford School District	Education	260	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1991
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1998
Town of Gilford	Municipal services	175	1812
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking services	115	2002
Shaws Supermarket	Supermarket	113	2001
Orthopedic Professional Association	Medical services	50	1999
WLNH/WLKZ/WEMJ	Radio stations	33	

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11A, 11B, 11C
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
Distance		12 miles

Railroad	No
Public Transportation	WTS

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	54 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	48 miles
Portland, Maine	85 miles
Boston, Mass.	99 miles
New York City, NY	304 miles
Montreal, Quebec	240 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	8.4%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	2.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	27.8
Commuting to another NH community	69.9
Commuting out-of-state	2.3

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**Other: **Meadowbrook Musical Arts Center; Ellacoya State Beach; Outdoor skating rink**